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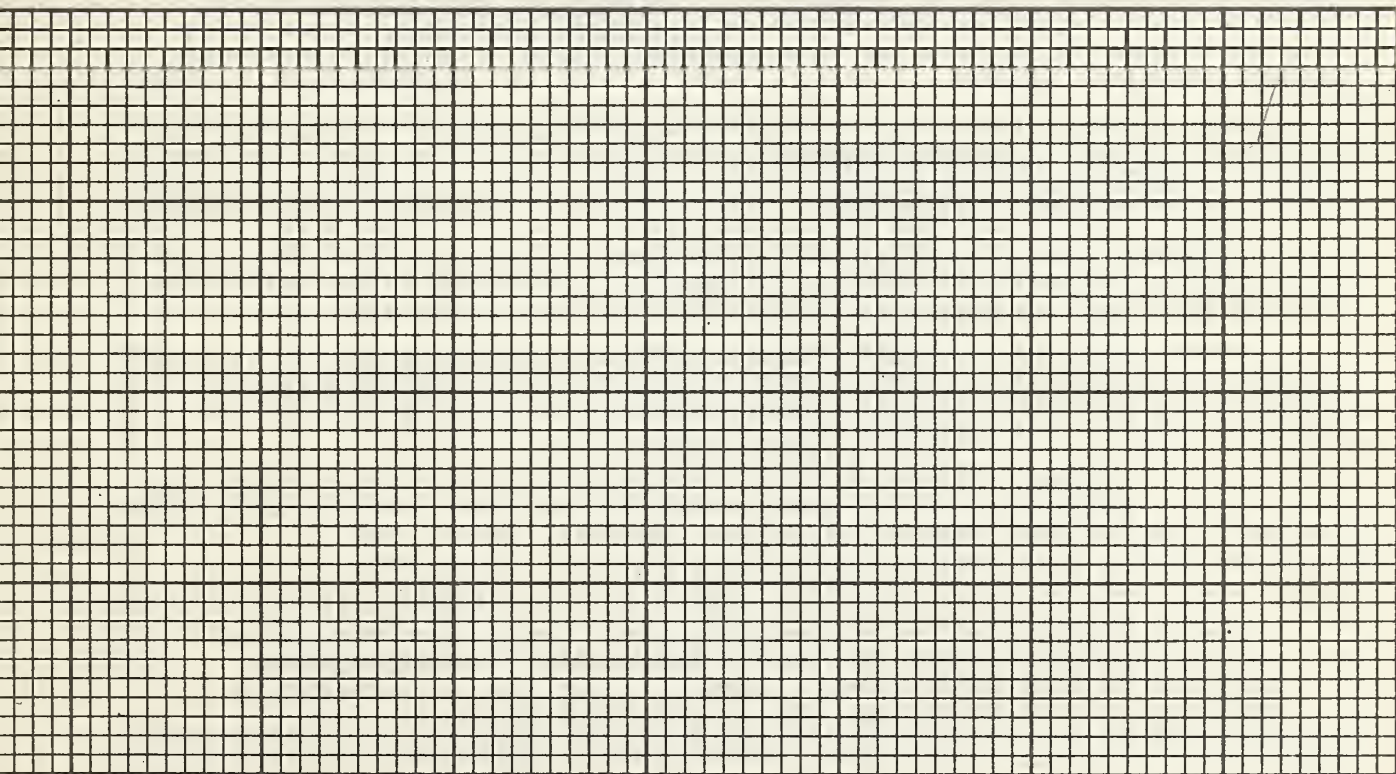
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This publication lists the periodic reports of Agricultural Economics, gives approximate issue dates of most, and tells where and how to get the ones you want.

The crop and livestock reports give new figures, with little or no economic analysis. The outlook and situation reports analyze the figures in terms of supplies and use of particular products and give the resulting outlook for prices and farm income.

Some situation reports also provide key statistics for the first time. Among these are the Farm Income Situation -- first estimates of gross farm income, production expenses, net farm income, and cash receipts; the National Food Situation -- per capita food consumption and indexes of supply and utilization of farm food commodities; and the Marketing and Transportation Situation -- price spreads or marketing charges, the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar, and the national farm food marketing bill. The Demand and Price Situation and the commodity situation reports are summarized in the Agricultural Outlook Digest issued monthly. A few tables appear for the first time in the Statistical Summary, a roundup of current agricultural statistics.

Three periodicals summarize new developments in marketing research and cover statistical and economic findings. Agricultural Situation reviews this material in relation to its effect on farmers. Agricultural Economics Research publishes technical papers on statistical and economic research and methodology. The Farm Index reports in nontechnical language on economic research.

If you need county figures, get them from the Census of Agriculture, taken every 5 years by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. In some States and for some subjects, the State Agricultural Statistician may be able to give later county estimates.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture annually publishes Agricultural Statistics, containing current and historical data. A limited free distribution is made to agricultural libraries and members of Congress. Copies of Agricultural Statistics are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Reports are issued from Washington, D.C., except where noted. If you want a sample copy of a report, or want to be added to a mailing list, write to the address at the beginning of the section in which the report is listed, and explain specifically what you want.

Note: This publication lists only periodic reports. Many nonperiodic reports and speeches are also published by ERS and SRS. These are listed in the Checklist of Reports, issued monthly by Agricultural Economics. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Checklist, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



# STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE PERIODICALS

## General SRS Reports

Agricultural Situation, issued monthly, briefly reviews timely marketing and economic developments affecting farmers. Free distribution is limited to voluntary unpaid crop, livestock, and price reporters, county agents, and other local agricultural workers, and to libraries, the press, and Government officials. Subscriptions are 50 cents a year (foreign \$1.00). Make checks payable to the Superintendent of Documents and send orders to the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Statistical Summary is a 4-page roundup of current agricultural statistics. It features a timely situation in depth of a farm commodity, carries summaries of crop and livestock production, and initiates certain tables: cash receipts from marketings, by States; index of volume of farm marketings, nationally and by States; farm-retail price spreads and the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar; and (from July through December) indexes of farm output, including livestock and crops, acreage, and per acre yields. It is issued monthly about 2 weeks after release of the Crop Production report. For sample copies or addition to the mailing list, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## Crop and Livestock Reports

The Crop Reporting Board of the Statistical Reporting Service issues many periodic reports on crop production and related information. The reports are publicized by press, radio, and television. Copies are available immediately after release. For most reports, mailing lists are maintained for prompt distribution. If you want sample copies or regular mailings of specific reports, write the Crop Reporting Board, Statistical Reporting Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 or to the field office issuing the report.

Reports, unless specified, are issued by the Washington office and generally include estimates by States. Segments, reissued through the 43 offices of the State agricultural statisticians, focus on local conditions. Information on State reports may be obtained from offices listed below.

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1968 calendar of release dates for major crop, livestock, and price reports<sup>1</sup>

Title	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cotton Production (11:00 A.M.).....	10	9	11	10	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	9
Crop Production (3:00 P.M.).....			15		10	10	10	9	10	10	12	10
Prospective Plantings.....												19
Annual Summary.....												20
1969 Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings.....												19
Crop Values (3:00 P.M.).....												
<u>Field and Seed Crops</u>												
Field and Seed Crops - Annual Summary.....				24	3		24					
Grain Stocks in All Positions.....	24		18	18	17	18	18	19	18	24	18	18
Naval Stores Report.....	18	19			16							
Annual Summary.....			25	24	24	25	24	23	25	24	25	23
Peanut Stocks and Processing.....	24	23								21		
Seasonal Report.....								9				19
Popcorn.....								8				
Potatoes and Sweetpotatoes - Annual Summary....												
Potato Sales, U.S., Utilization of.....									6			
Potato Stocks.....	12	13	12	24				30		24		12
Rice Stocks.....	24											
Seed Crop Forecasts.....			x			x	x	x	x	x		x
Other Seed Reports.....			21					5,19				19
Soybean Stocks in All Positions.....			19						24			
Stocks of Hops.....									19			
<u>Fruits and Nuts</u>												
Apples - Production by Varieties.....				16		25	25					2
Bush berries.....												19
Cranberries - Indicated Production (1:00 P.M.)...								22		2		
Fruits, citrus - Annual Summary.....					1							
Fruits, noncitrus, Annual Summary, Part I <sup>2</sup> ....							3					
Part II <sup>2</sup> .....												
Tart Cherry Report.....					20			1				
Tree Nuts - Annual Summary.....												
<u>Vegetables</u>												
Onion Stocks in Storage.....	15											
Vegetables - Fresh Market.....	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	8	9	8	8	9,18
N. Y. Cabbage Stocks.....	8											9
Vegetables - Processing.....	8		8	8,19	8,20	7,21	9,22	8	9	8	8	18
Cucumbers for Pickles Stocks.....												
Monthly Celery Report (Fla., Calif., Ariz.)...			4	4	6	4	5	5	4	4	4	4
Weekly Tomato Report (Fla. and Texas).....	4	5										

Tuesday of each week during planting and harvesting season<sup>3</sup>

See footnotes at end of table.



1968 calendar of release dates for major crop, livestock, and price reports<sup>1</sup>--continued

Title	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Milk and Dairy Products												
Evaporated, Condensed and Dry Milk Reports.....	31	28	29	30	31	28	31	30	30	31	29	31
Fluid Milk and Cream Report.....	18	19	19	18	20	18	18	19	18	18	18	18
Milk Production.....	11	12	12	11	13	11	11	12	11	11	13	11
Milk - Production, Disposition, and Income.....				23								
Milk Production and Dairy Products, Annual Statistical Summary.....		23					30					
Production of Manufactured Dairy Products, 1967 Reports released at Chicago - See Page 4:												
Production of Cottage Cheese.....	29	28	28	26	28	27	29	29	27	29	27	27
Production of Creamery Butter & Cheese.....	26	27	27	25	27	26	26	25	26	25	26	26
Production of Ice Cream & Related Frozen Products.....	19	21	21	19	22	21	22	21	20	22	21	20
Milk Prices Paid by Creameries and Cheese Plants, by States.....	30	29	29	29	31	28	30	30	30	30	29	31
Weekly American Cheese Production.....				Wednesday of each week throughout the year <sup>3</sup>								
Weekly American Cheese Warehouse Report.....				Wednesday of each week throughout the year <sup>3</sup>								
Weekly Creamery Butter Production.....				Tuesday of each week throughout the year <sup>3</sup>								
Livestock and Livestock Products <sup>4</sup>												
Cattle and Calves Reports.....	17	13, 21	12	17	13	12	17, 24	13	12	17	13	12
Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production (3:00 P.M.).....	30	29	28	30	29	27	29	29	30	30	27	30
1967 Revisions by States and Months and Total Livestock Slaughter, Meat and Lard Production.....				29								
Honey - Annual Summary (3:00 P.M.).....	22						25			7		
Other Honey Reports.....												
Livestock and Poultry Inventory, Jan. 1, 1968.		13		26								
Meat Animals - Annual Summary.....												
Wool and Mohair Production and Value, 1967....			21									
Shorn Wool Production, 1968.....			21			21	26		20			23
Pig Crop Report.....			21									
Sheep and Lamb Reports.....	15	23	13			21	23				14	
Shipments of Stocker and Feeder Cattle & Sheep Annual Report, including monthly revisions, 1967.....	25	26	25	25	24	25	25	26	25	25	26	26
Special Range Reports:												
Cattle on Pastures (Sections of Kansas and Oklahoma).....												
Western Range and Livestock Report.....	11	12	11	11	13	11	12	12	11	9	13	11
Special Wheat Pasture Report.....									23	25	26	27
Poultry and Eggs												
Chickens and Eggs, Commercial Broilers-Annual.				22								

## Poultry and Eggs

**Chickens and Eggs, Commercial Broilers-Annual.**



Title	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>Poultry and Eggs--continued</u>												
Chickens - Number Raised, 1968.....							22					
Commercial Broilers Produced and Broiler Chicks Placed in 22 States, 1967.....			6									
Egg Products-Liquid, Frozen, Solids, Production Hatchery Production.....	3,31 16	29 16	14 14	3 16	1,29 16	14	3,31 16	28 16	17	2,31 16	15	4 17
Revisions for 1967.....												
Layers, Potential Layers, and Egg Production, 1966 and 1967.....			5									
Poultry - Slaughter and Processing.....	4	1	1	4	2	3	5	1,29		3	1	4
Poultry Inventory (See Livestock and Poultry Inventory, Jan. 1, 1968).....		13										
Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatchery Supply Flocks.....	16	15	15	16	15	14	16	15	16	15	15	16
Turkeys and Chickens Tested.....	19	20	19	19	17	19	19	20	19	21	19	18
Turkey Breeder Hens, Jan. 1, 1968.....		13										
Turkey Breeder Hens, 1969 Intentions.....												
Turkeys - Raised, 1968 Intentions.....	26									18		
Turkeys Raised, 1968.....								26				
Turkeys - Annual Summary.....				2								
Weekly Turkey Report - released in States concerned - see Page 3 and 4.....								Thursday of each week <sup>3</sup>				
Weekly Broiler Report - released at Richmond, Va., - see Page 4.....								Wednesday of each week <sup>3</sup>				
<u>Other Reports</u>												
Agricultural Prices, (3:00 P.M.).....	30	29	29	29	31	28	30	30	30	30	29	31
Agricultural Prices, Annual Summary.....						x						
Cold Storage Report (2:00 P.M.).....	15	15	15	15	15	14	15	15	16	16	15	16
Regional Cold Storage Holdings for 1967.....			22									
Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses in the U.S., October 1, 1967.....									20			
Commercial Fertilizers, Consumption of.....					x					x		
Flowers and Foliage Plants, 23 States.....				16								
Farm Labor.....	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	12	10
Farm Numbers.....	10											
Mushrooms.....								29				

- Actual titles are given unless several reports with different titles but similar content are released during the month or year, in which case reports are grouped under one heading. The symbol "x" in the columns means that no specific date has been set for the release of the report, or in the case of Seed Crop Forecasts, it means that several reports on different seeds are issued during the month. A more detailed schedule and description of the contents of the various crop and livestock reports is available separately, on request. Ask for "1968 Issuance Dates and Contents of Reports Released by the Crop Reporting Board."
- Part I - Apricots, sweet and sour cherries, figs, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, persimmons, plums, pomegranates, prunes, and bush berries. Part II - Apples, avocados, cranberries, dates and olives.
- Unless holidays conflict, in which case release is on the next business day.
- Washington, D. C., reports released at 12:00 noon, unless otherwise specified.

For sample copies or addition to the mailing list for reports in this and following sections, write the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. The code initials or Department series under which a report is issued is given (generally) at the end of its description.

#### Costs and Returns on Typical Farms

The following annual publications give results of a continuing nationwide study of costs and returns on typical farms and ranches by type and size in some important U.S. farming regions.

Farm Costs and Returns . . . Commercial Farms, by Type, Size, and Location, summarizes results of farm operations in the year preceding the year of issue for 44 important types of commercial farms in major U.S. producing areas. It shows comparisons with previous years. It is issued in the Agriculture Information Bulletin series.

The reports listed below include, for the types of farms named, the following information: Farm size, land use, livestock numbers, crop and livestock production, investment, cash receipts, cash expenditures, net cash farm income, value of perquisites, changes in inventories of livestock and machinery and buildings, net farm income, charge for capital, and return to operator and family labor. Index numbers are included for 11 important summary items. A map locates each type of farm studied. Tables show the amount of land, labor, and capital associated with each type of farm. These reports carry the code FCR.

Costs and Returns, Commercial Dairy Farms, Northeast and Midwest  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Egg-Producing Farms, New Jersey  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Broiler Farms, Maine, Delmarva, and Georgia  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Corn Belt Farms  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Cotton Farms  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Tobacco Farms, Coastal Plain, North Carolina  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Tobacco-Livestock Farms, Bluegrass Area, Kentucky,  
and Pennyroyal Area, Kentucky-Tennessee  
Costs and Returns, Commercial Wheat Farms, Plains and Pacific Northwest  
Costs and Returns, Western Livestock Ranches

#### Production and Efficiency

Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency, an annual publication, presents major statistical series on farm production, production inputs, and efficiency. It provides in one place the latest information for appraising production trends, changes in farm inputs and practices, uses of cropland, animal units of breeding livestock, improvement in labor productivity, and the progress of farm mechanization. It is issued in the SB series.

Four supplements give detailed data by farm production region. Supplement I has index numbers of farm production for each of certain groups of livestock and crops; Supplement II shows acreages of cropland used for crops; Supplement III gives man-hours of farm labor used for each of these groups; and Supplement IV contains index numbers of farm production per man-hour for each group.

Livestock-Feed Relationships, a Statistical Bulletin, was issued in 1963 as SB-337. Annual supplements provide current national, regional, and State data. Three sets of index numbers of animal units show changes in livestock numbers as weighted by each of three kinds of feed consumption. Two sets of index numbers show changes in livestock production as weighted by feed consumption. Another index of animal units shows changes based on consumption of high-protein feeds. Each supplement also includes preliminary estimates of total feed consumption by each major kind of livestock and poultry, as well as a general estimate of the balance between feed production and consumption by States.



## Farm Finance Reports

The Agricultural Finance Review is issued annually; a supplement is issued later in the year. The Review discusses current developments and research findings in agricultural finance. It is a basic source of financial data on U.S. agriculture and is intended for use by agricultural groups, government officials, economists, and educators needing a ready compilation of agricultural finance material. Signed articles and brief reports cover important events in agricultural finance and in the financial institutions serving agriculture. Findings and analyses relate to such subjects as sources of capital used in agriculture, farm-mortgage credit, non-real-estate credit, farm financial management, financial condition of farmers, and commodity storage, agricultural risk and insurance, social security programs for farmers, farm bankruptcies, farm real estate values and transfers, and farm and farmer taxation. The report carries detailed data by States and regions. It lists current Federal and State research activities in agricultural finance and carries reviews of pertinent books. A volume number and date are shown for each issue.

The Balance Sheet of Agriculture, issued annually, carries forward the comparative balance sheet, first prepared for 1940. The balance sheet is as of January 1 of the year issued. It views agriculture as one large enterprise. It brings together the individual series of farm assets and the claims to these assets. In effect, it is a consolidated balance sheet of all farms, but it is not restricted to the assets and debts of farm operators. It also includes farm assets owned and farm-mortgage debt owed by nonoperators. It is in the AIB series.

Farm Real Estate Taxes, an annual publication, shows the amount per acre and the amount per \$100 of full value levied on farm real estate, by years and by States and regions. Total taxes levied by years are also included. Code RET.

Farm-Mortgage Debt is issued annually. It shows the total amount of farm-mortgage debt outstanding and the amounts held by principal lender groups, nationally for a number of years and by States for the most recent year. Code FMD.

Farm-Mortgage Lending Experience is a semiannual report of selected life insurance companies, the Federal Land banks, and the Farmers Home Administration. It compares the mortgages owned at the beginning of the period, the mortgages acquired and repaid during the period, and those owned at the end of the period. Other items are included, such as data on mortgage loan commitments, mortgages in process of foreclosure, and interest rates. Code FML.

Characteristics of Farm Mortgages Recorded January 1 Through June 30, issued biennially (odd years), reports the average interest rates, average size, and average term of farm real estate mortgages made and recorded in 48 States by the various lenders. Data are reported by farm economic regions and also by farm credit districts. Prior to 1967, data were for January 1 through March 31. Issued in ERS series.

## Situation and Outlook Reports

These reports summarize the current situation and present economic outlook. An annual issue of each situation report covers outlook information for the coming year.

The commodity situation reports in the table on the next page analyze the supply, demand, price, and outlook for the major farm products. Tables and charts present current data on production, market movement, stocks, consumption, prices, and foreign trade. The reports often carry relevant special studies.

Agricultural Finance Outlook gives the national situation and outlook for farm income, the financial condition of farmers, farm real estate, farm debts and assets, and a projected balance sheet of agriculture. A section of the report deals with the situation and outlook for each region. Code AFO.

The Agricultural Outlook Digest, a monthly newsletter, briefs the outlook and changes in commodity situations. Code AOD.

The Demand and Price Situation reviews factors affecting the domestic and foreign demand for farm products. It also briefly reviews farm income and general trends in demand, supply, and prices of major farm products. Code DPS.

Situation report	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Cotton.....	22		22		21			20		21		
Dairy.....			4		1		1		1		1	
Fats & Oils.....	29			1		25			25		4	
Feed.....		2		2	16					31		
Fruit.....	23					24		13		23		
Livestock & Meat.....	31		6		3			1		1	6	
Poultry & Egg.....		16		16		13		19		29		
Rice.....	19											
Tobacco.....			21			21			23			20
Vegetable.....	25			24			24			24		
Wheat.....		23			13		25			25		
Wool.....		20			17			5		22		
Agricultural Finance Outlook.....											14	
Agricultural Outlook Digest.....												
Demand & Price.....		1			2			15			8	
Farm Cost.....											13	
Farm Income.....			9	30			25				7	
Farm Real Estate Market Developments		x					x					
Marketing & Transportation.....		14			8			8			12	
National Food.....		6			7			6			7	
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Δ Complete reports available about a week later. \* 1968 annual outlook issue.

The Farm Cost Situation discusses farm labor, farm power and machinery, feeds, livestock on feed, seeds, fertilizer, building materials, pesticides, land values and rentals, interest, taxes and insurance, and costs on farms of different types. Tables show index numbers of prices paid for goods and services used in production; numbers of machines on farms; feed supplies in relation to livestock; retail seed prices; value of farm real estate; and net income, total production, and operation expense per dollar of gross farm income on commercial family-operated farms, by type. The report gives the outlook for farm costs in the year ahead and analyzes the effects of changing technology on farm costs. Code FCS.

The Farm Income Situation gives estimates of cash receipts from farm marketings, by commodity groups, and Government payments; index numbers of cash receipts and of physical volume of farm marketings; and State estimates of cash receipts from sales of crop and livestock. A State supplement shows Government payments to farmers, value of home consumption for crops and livestock, gross and net farm income; farm production expenses, cash receipts, and home consumption, by detailed commodities; and cash receipts from farm marketings by States, by major individual commodities. Each issue gives quarterly estimates of gross and net farm income, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The report also compares farm and nonfarm incomes. Code FIS.

Farm Real Estate Market Developments, issued twice a year, summarizes trends in farmland values, volume of sales, financing of farm purchases, and factors affecting the land market. Each issue includes index numbers of estimated average value per acre by States. Graphic material is included. Code CD. For tables showing values of farm real estate over a period of years, see Agricultural Statistics referred to on page 3.

The Marketing and Transportation Situation contains analyses of and statistics on the U.S. average retail cost of a market basket of farm foods, the returns received by farmers for these products, and the spread between these returns and the retail cost. Similar information is given for individual food products, and also for cotton clothing articles and house furnishings. The marketing bill for farm food products and related statistics are published once a year. Data on costs of goods and services used by marketing firms are also published. Each issue includes special articles on marketing and transportation of farm products. Code MTS.

The National Food Situation details per capita consumption of major foods, nutrients available for civilian consumption, production of major food commodities, indexes of the annual supply and use of farm food commodities, retail food price indexes, the Consumer Price Index, total food expenditures, and the percentage of income spent for food. It includes the outlook for food supply, production, expenditures, retail prices, and consumption. Some issues carry special analyses on various aspects of food consumption and prices. Code NFS.



The World Agricultural Situation, published annually in February, appraises the state of world agriculture for the year just ended and the outlook for the ensuing year. It is in the FAER series. Regional situation reports and data books are issued in April, and supplemented by brief midyear reviews in September, for the following regions: Western Hemisphere, Europe and Soviet Union, Far East, Africa and Middle East. Each report gives data by country on agricultural output, use, trade, and trends. These reports are in the ERS-Foreign series.

#### Farm Population, Manpower, and Level-of-Living Reports

Farm Population Estimates, usually issued annually, estimates the current farm population distribution by geographic regions and divisions and estimates the components of annual change (births, deaths, and migration) in the farm population for the United States and for the geographic areas. Special reports occasionally are issued that contain a historical array of estimates for the years from 1910 on, or which contain estimates for States for intercensal dates. Series Census-ERS P-27.

The Census-ERS Series, prepared cooperatively with the Bureau of the Census, provides annual estimates of the farm population distribution by age, sex, labor force status, and, at times, by other characteristics. Census-ERS Series and Farm Population Estimates contain the same estimate of the total U.S. farm population, but the distributions shown in each are obtained independently.

The Hired Farm Working Force, a summary report on agricultural workers in the United States, has been published for most years since 1945. The reports are based on data obtained for ERS by the Bureau of the Census in one of its monthly Current Population Surveys. The reports cover all persons 14 years of age and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States who did any farm wage work during the year. Information includes time worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm work by color, sex, age, employment duration, migratory status, type of residence, and chief activities of the worker. In addition, each survey gives special information on such items as educational status, total household wage earnings, and skill levels of farm labor. It is issued in the AER series.

Farm-Operator Level-of-Living Indexes for Counties of the United States are published every 5 years. They are derived from the Censuses of Agriculture and are computed for the country as a whole, regions, geographic divisions, States, State economic areas, and counties. Occasionally, as a result of national or regional surveys, special reports show interim changes in farm-operator levels of living and carry methodological experiments in the construction of level-of-living indexes. These reports are in the SB series.

#### Reports on U.S. Foreign Trade in Agricultural Products

Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, a monthly analytical review, emphasizes the current status and outlook for U.S. agricultural trade, including food aid shipments and price developments. Special analyses of U.S. exports to the European Economic Community show the impact of the variable import levies and other common agricultural policies on U.S. trade. Also included are analytical articles on the major exporting and importing countries and trade blocs. The publication estimates exports a month ahead of Bureau of the Census trade statistics. It summarizes cumulative data on quantity and value from July 1 of the current year, with comparisons for the previous year, and cumulative country totals from July 1 of the current year. Government program information consists of quantity and value totals for individual commodities and countries. The publication details sales for dollars, P. L. 480 by title, CCC and Export-Import Bank credit, and total exports. It also includes fiscal year estimates of the value of exports assisted by export payments, plus statistics on imports of fruits and vegetables under quarantine.

#### U.S. Foreign Agricultural Trade Annual Supplements:

Trade by Commodities carries detailed tables of the quantity and value of annual exports and imports for 2 years, quantity indices of annual exports and imports for several years, and historical series. There are two reports, one by calendar year and one by fiscal year.

Trade by Countries presents detailed tables of the quantity and value of annual exports and imports of principal products for one year in commodity-by-country and country-by-commodity order. It includes country totals for all commodities and agricultural and nonagricultural items. There are two reports, one by calendar year and one by fiscal year.

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Foreign Gold and Exchange Reserves, issued semiannually, appraises the external financial position, including the balance of payments, of foreign countries, particularly as it relates to opportunities for selling U.S. farm products abroad. Important events in international finance and trade are reviewed. The report points out foreign countries which are financially able to buy farm products commercially; it also appraises the financial position of developing countries where U.S. farm products are sold concessionally. The U.S. balance-of-payments position is reviewed, particularly with regard to the contribution of trade in agricultural products. Code FGER.

Other ERS Periodicals

Agricultural Economics Research is published quarterly. It contains technical articles which deal with methods, results, and findings of research in agricultural economics. It includes interim reports on work in progress, articles on new research methods or techniques, critical discussions of techniques being used, and articles on new or expanding areas of research or statistical fact gathering. Discussions of techniques cover the probable usefulness of new developments and the place of such new areas of work in agriculture. Each issue carries book reviews. Free distribution is limited to professional workers. Subscriptions are \$1.00 a year (foreign rate \$1.25). Single copies are 25 cents each. Make checks payable to the Superintendent of Documents and send order to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The Farm Index reports monthly in nontechnical language the results of ERS's broad research program. Articles are grouped according to the special interests of farming, rural life, marketing, the foreign market, and the consumer. Regular features: A 2-page digest of the agricultural outlook, a table with the latest figures for 45 leading indicators of economic developments in agriculture, marketing, and the general economy, and brief reviews of current ERS research publications. Single copies are available from the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Subscriptions are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for \$2.00 a year (foreign rate \$2.75).

OTHER AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS PERIODIC REPORTS

The Handbook of Agricultural Charts is issued each fall by the Economic Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, Agricultural Research Service, and Statistical Reporting Service. It provides charts with accompanying data useful in presenting the key factors in the economic situation and outlook for agriculture. Material includes highlights of the Nation's general economic situation, and extensive information on food supplies and consumption, farm production, costs, prices, income, expenditures, land and land values, and the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar. Numerous commodity charts show trends for individual crops, livestock, and livestock products. It is issued in the AH series.

Issued in conjunction with the handbook is the Agricultural Outlook Chartbook, published each fall during the Department's annual Agricultural Outlook Conference as a section in the November issue of The Farm Index. It presents a number of key charts with text pegged specifically to the economic outlook. (No separate mailing list is maintained. Availability is announced in the Checklist described on page 2.)